

Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee
Minutes of 2/20/24 Monthly Meeting
Great Hall, Wolfeboro Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lucy Van Cleve called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Present: Chairman Lucy Van Cleve, Vice- Chair Barry Elliott, Members Cindy Fournier, Jeremy Roberge, Kathy Fairman, Alternates Mary DeVries and Selectman Linda Murray, BOS alternate.

Staff Present: Planning and Development Director Tavis Austin joined at 9:00 am.

Absent: Members Carrie Duran, Liz Baker McClain and alternate Gretchen Gandini, BOS representative Brian Deshaies.

K. Fairman agreed to take minutes.

2. Consideration of January 16, 2023 minutes

L. Van Cleve moved to accept the minutes. B. Elliott seconded with an amendment indicating he was not present at the January meeting and did not make a motion to adjourn. Lucy said she made the motion to adjourn. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously. B. Elliott, G. Gandini and J. Robege abstained as they were not present at the January meeting.

3. Housing Seminar Update

Tabled because C. Duran was absent.

4. EDC Membership and Terms

L. Murray said BOS would be advertising to fill vacancies on town boards after Town Meeting. EDC members with expiring terms include K. Fairman, J. Roberge, Liz Baker McClain and Mary DeVries (alternate.)

McClain is unable to attend meetings and will not be reappointed.

J. Roberge said he has a conflict with the meeting time and will not be able to continue. He will try to find someone else from Huggins Hospital to serve.

M. DeVries said she is willing to continue to serve.

K Fairman said she would let the BOS know.

5. Budget Update

L. Murray reviewed some of the Warrant Articles on the 2024 Town Warrant.

6. Lake Winnepesaukee Day (8/9/24) Update

L. Van Cleve suggested that NH Distributors and Amoskeag Beverages could rotate as sponsors for Restaurant Week in April (a Wolfeboro Chamber event) and Lake Winnepesaukee Day.

Other sponsors are needed.

Portable Restrooms have been recommended by Dockside Owner Gregg Roark Jr.

L. Van Cleve will check with Christine Collins, Director of Recreation Department, which rents portable toilets for the Town each year.

Location of Food Trucks - There is not sufficient power at Dockside for Food Trucks and generators are not desirable to have at the event. Other possible locations: Santa's Hut location, Cate Park, Foss Field and Clarke Plaza.

7. EDC Newsletter/Social Media Update

L. Van Cleve said she and C. Duran hope to expand the database and are looking for additional emails to include on the list.

8. WEDCO

WEDCO (Wentworth Economic Development Corporation) Director Jack Terrill said the US Small Business Administration is looking for a local agency/board to host a "Listening Session with Local Businesses" in Wolfeboro on March 28 at 2 pm.

He suggested either the EDC or the Wolfeboro Chamber might like to do this.

EDC members indicated that the EDC's fall Season Recap with local businesses serves this purpose and another meeting is unnecessary.

9. Job Fair

Wolfeboro Recreation Department plans to hold a Job Fair this spring at the Pop Whalen Arena.

It was unclear whether the intention is to invite other businesses or if it is a Job Fair just for the Rec Department looking for summer employees.

10. 2024 Advertising

L Van Cleve made a motion to approve \$1600 to pay for Yankee Advertising (both in the magazine and on-line) in the May/June issue. B. Elliott seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

L. Van Cleve says she hopes to convince Yankee to group all Wolfeboro ads together.

M DeVries noted that this issue is the one that generates the most inquiries from potential visitors.

11. Other Business

B. Elliott asked T. Austin if there is a minimum size for a home in Wolfeboro.

T. Austin said there is not, however the State requires that a home have a foundation.

He added that housing is typically restricted by the number of units per lot or acre.

12. Town Planner Report

T. Austin reported that Planning Board amendments on the ballot this year are of a housekeeping nature and non controversial.

13. Chamber of Commerce Report

Director M. DeVries reported that Town officials will review Warrant Articles at the Chamber's Quarterly Meeting "Know Before Your Go" to be held March 7 at 7:30 am in the Great Hall.

The Deliberative Session will be carried live on WCTV (Wolfeboro Cable TV) beginning at 6:30 pm on 2/27/24.

And the theme of this year's Restaurant Week to be held in April is "Don't Overlook the Locals."

B. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 am. L. Van Cleve seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Fairman